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Mr. Edward Galbraith, Director
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Dear Mr. Galbraith:

Re: Approval of Center and Turkey creeks TMDLs

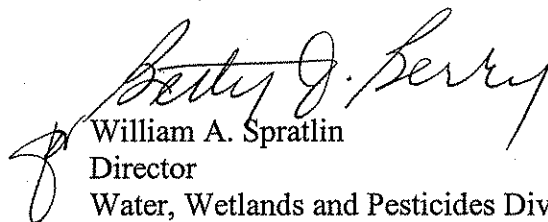
This letter responds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) submission received by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 on September 25, 2006, of a document addressing three Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). These TMDLs address the warm water aquatic life use impairment of Center Creek (3203) and Turkey Creek (3216, 3217), with a pollutant of zinc.

EPA has completed its review of this TMDL document with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL document. Enclosed with this letter is the EPA Region 7 TMDL Review Form which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL document. EPA notes on its Review Form that the potential waste load allocations stated for permitted facilities in the Center Creek TMDL are approved as the actual waste load allocations for these facilities. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern through assessment of the loading capacity, consideration of seasonal variation, and a margin of safety.

Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, EPA is currently consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this TMDL. While we are approving this TMDL, we may decide in the future that changes to the TMDL are warranted based upon the results of the consultation.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that MDNR has put into this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate and assist MDNR in developing future TMDLs.

Sincerely,


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